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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: James A. Noyes
Director of Public Works

SEPTEMBER 3, 2002, AGENDA ITEM 41 AS-NEEDED LABOR SERVICES CONTRACT

Item 41 on the September 3, 2002, agenda requests your approval to enter into a contract for As-Needed Labor Services.

We are requesting this contract to assist us in performing the annual clearing of our soft-bottom channels. Even though the permit allows for work to be performed until mid-March, our goal is to get our work done early in the storm season before the heavy rainfall months. This contract terminates on December 31, but we plan to complete the channel clearing work by November 30. This contract will allow us to more effectively schedule our resources to complete this critical activity and complete other necessary work during this period.

We have discussed this contract with Local 660 representatives, and they are opposed to the contract because of their fears that this will eliminate County jobs and reduce the opportunities of their membership to work overtime. We will not be eliminating any positions. The contract is only for 90 days. We believe that contracting for this extra service for the short period is more cost effective than hiring, training, and equipping temporary laborers for 90 days and then having to release them. This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility.

If you have any questions regarding this request, you may call me or your staff may contact Brian T. Sasaki at (626) 458-4008.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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